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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: ESAB AB

Serial Number: 09/402185

Filed: 9/28/99

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FRICTION STIR WELDING

Attorney Docket Number: 5746

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION
and
PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF THE TERM

Commissioner of Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313

October 3, 2005

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Official Action dated April 1, 2005 having a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire on July 1, 2005. Accompanying this response is a petition for a 3-month extension of the term to reply. October 1, 2005 was a Saturday. Accordingly, this response is timely filed on Monday October 3, 2005.

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as shown in the section entitled Claim Amendments.

In the Specification:

Please amend the claims as shown in the section entitled Specification Amendments. No new matter has been added.

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